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SUBJECT: EC/CYPRUS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL: A CAREFULLY STAGED EVENT

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1. BY DESIGN THE EC/CYPRUS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL WHICH MET IN LUXEMBOURG

ON JUNE 24 STAYED CAREFULLY AWAY FROM ANY DISCUSSION OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN CYPRUS AND CONCENTRATED ESSENTIALLY ON TWO TRADE ISSUES RAISED BY THE CYPRIOTS.

2. THE CYPRIOT DELEGATION, LED BY FOREIGN MINISTER KHRISTOFIDIS, FIRST RAISED THE ISSUE OF THE ENTRY INTO THE EC OF CYPRUS SHERRY, CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHICH LAPSE WHEN MARKETING OF THE 1975 HARVEST IS COMPLETED. THEY SOUGHT TO HAVE CYPRUS SHERRY CLASSIFIED, IN EC TERMS, AS A

"QUALITY WINE" WHICH WOULD MAKE ITS IMPORTATION LESS EXPENSIVE BY ELIMINATING REFERENCE TO A BASE PRICE. SPEAKING FOR THE COMMUNITY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND TO SEEK A SOLUTION "IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SPIRIT AND THE LETTER OF THE EC/CYPRUS ACCORD." ACCORDING TO PERMANENT DELEGATION SOURCES, THE ITALIANS ARE OPPOSED TO THE CYPRIOT REQUEST AND ARE NOT LIKELY TO PUSH THE CHANGE IN CLASSIFICATION FOR SHERRY WHEN THEY TAKE OVER THE EC COUNCIL PRESIDENCY ON JULY 1.

3. ALSO DURING THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL, THE CYPRIOTS RAISED THE QUESTION OF EC CUSTOMS TREATMENT FOR GOODS (MAINLY CITRUS) COMING FROM THE "OCCUPIED TERRITORIES," (I.E., TURKISH ZONE). THEY CLAIM THAT THESE GOODS DO NOT HAVE THE PROPER CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTATION AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE COMMUNITY ON A PREFERENTIAL BASIS. THE EC AGREED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER BUT DID NOT COMMENT SUBSTANTIVELY DURING THE COUNCIL SESSION. GREENWALD

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